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## 'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

**Cleaned from Exchanges—Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot—Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.**

Stadberry will soon begin the laying of six miles of sewers.

A correspondent on the Chula News wants to know if thunder can be considered a weather report.

A Perry county farmer secured recently 183 pounds of wool from twelve sheep, for which he received \$63.13.

A swarm of bees recently took up their home in the mouth of the bronze cannon on the public square at Fredericktown.

The Richmond city council has purchased a street sweeper at a cost of \$550 and propose to keep the dust out of the eyes of the populace.

"How long should a girl of 18 wear her skirts?" asks the Philadelphia Ledger. "All day," answers the Stanberry Owl-Headlight.

A Moberly plaintiff has paid money to learn an old one. He brought suit to collect on a check given him for money lost in a poker game.

Two men in Jackson who are trying poultry raising were so unfortunate as to lose 500 young chickens by drowning following a heavy rain.

So far, the oldest caryed turtle reported in the Missouri spring drive is the one found recently in Callaway county. The turtle was dated "1860."

The last daylight patrolman having been shifted to night duty, St. Charles is now policed during the day by only one man, the city marshal.

There are now four cities in the state which impose taxes on automobiles, these being Charleston, Cape Girardeau, Sikeston and East Prairie.

The canning plant at Oak Grove breaks a record this season with ninety acres of tomatoes under contract. The price agreed on for the fruit is \$9 a ton.

The combined ages of five persons who sat at dinner in a hospitable Daviess county home recently was 372 years. Three of the persons were brothers.

Edgar White in the Macon Chronicle Herald recalls that once upon a time a prospector was sent to jail in Macon county and converted all the other inmates.

Excelsior Springs thinks more of that grand old Missourian Alex M. Dockery, than ever since he ordered five gallons of mineral water from one of the springs in that place recently.

"I take da train," exclaimed a swarthy peddler at Marshal the other day when upon applying for city license was told that it would cost him \$75 a day to vend his wares there.

An inmate of the school for deaf at Fulton is to marry a Nebraska cattle man who is also deaf. This is apt to be a happy family as neither can hear the other when scolding.

"O, woman, woman! Without thee men would be brutes," and then listen to this from the Mexico Ledger. "Seven persons, most of them women, were arrested for bootlegging."

Near Fruitland recently a four

year old boy was attacked by a snake and bitten seven times; four wounds on one leg and three on the other. A physician was summoned and, after much suffering the child is reported to be on the road to recovery.

A. J. Hilt has invented a new road drag, or rather, a road scraper, the object of the invention being to cut off the knobs and bumps in the middle and sides of the road. The drag consists of two big iron blades backed by heavy pieces of solid wood. These two blades are diagonally opposed to each other in the form of a capital V. Richard Barnard tried out the invention on the roads last Monday morning, and the trial proved a complete success.—Maysville Pilot.

A drunken white woman, very poorly and shabbily dressed, attracted considerable attention on West Third street Friday afternoon. She reeled as she tried to walk, but finally accompanied by a young man, went up the railroad tracks to the north part of the city. It was, after all, a sad spectacle to see a member of her sex and race so degraded.—Pemisot Argus.

In DeKalb county, Elias Hinders was just burning the dirt with his tin Lizzie, when his four year old son by his side, begged him not to go so fast. Obliging the father shut off the gas, and just as the machine was nearly stopped the front wheel came off. The boy was nearly thrown out but the father caught him.

A Mercer county man tried one day last week to pry his automobile out of a mudhole while his son started the car. The rail which he used was caught in the wheel and struck him across the face and cheeks with such force that he remained unconscious for an entire day and he is still feeling the effects of the blow.

A Chariton county woman has learned how to kill chiggers on chickens. She figured it all out and then put some powder on the chickens and put them under an iron tub. The only draw back to the plan is that it kills the chickens, as she learned when the entire 39 chicks so treated were dead.

When a Harrisonville cash register refused to work properly, it was shipped back to Kansas City, and being taken apart, revealed that two small checks, one dated February, 1913, and the other March, 1914, had slipped out of the cash drawer and became mixed up with the mechanism.

Judge McCarty on Tuesday revoked the parole of Maynard Stanley of Dunklin county. Young Stanley had not been observing the terms of the parole and when Judge McCarty was informed of this over the phone he ordered the sheriff to take charge of him.—Pemisot Argus.

Guy Hutchens, a former Nevada saloon keeper, who moved to Kansas City when the former town went dry, finds it necessary to write a letter to the Chillicothe Constitution, denying the previously published report that he had "hit the trail" in the Billy Sunday meeting.

It is claimed that Hermann, county seat of Gasconade county, is the only fourth class city in the state whose city council keeps its minutes in both the German and English language.

When Mrs. Martha Pickering, of Moberly, celebrated her 77th birthday by a big dinner, there sat around her hospitable table seven children, 25 grandchildren and 13 great grand-children.

Nails and tacks are being scattered in the streets of Warrensburg. One motorist collected twenty nine punctures and two blowouts in one week, while another had nine punctures in a single day.

Five dollars and twenty-five cents was the consideration when one of the best business lots in Maryville changed hands, but the deal was made seventy years ago and was the first lot sold after the town was platted.

An organization of farmers of the Ozarks has contracted with a Fort Wayne, Indiana, pickling company, to raise this year a total of forty thousand bushels of cucumbers. They are already planting the seed for the crop.

Dudley Smotherman, a ten-year-old boy living near Senath made \$101 from an acre of corn. He made 90 bushels and 40 pounds of corn, was awarded a gold watch and sold eighteen bushels of seed for \$2 a bushel.

When patrolman "Duke" Duncan, of Kansas City, interfered with two sisters, over the merits of their husbands, the amazons turned on the officer, tore the club from his hand, his star from his coat, rolled him in the street and blackened his eye.

A Stewartsville man got special attention from Billy Sunday recently in the meetings in Kansas City, according to the DeKalb County Herald. The Stewartsville man coughed out loud and Billy looked over at him and told him to cough with his mouth shut.

A Pattonsburg boy was hunting muskrats near his home and when he discovered a hole about eight or ten feet above the water line of a stream he began to dig. To his surprise he found a nest of catfish. There were 17 in all and measured, supposedly by long measure, from 8 to 10 inches in length. The young man insists that the tracks leading to the hole were muskrat tracks and not a bit like fish tracks.

Once the owner of a string of forty race horses, Andy Smith, poor and almost friendless, died the other day in the Linn county poorhouse. It was his request that his body be buried in an Indian Mound on the Wood farm near Laclede, and it was complied with. Other instructions for his burial also obeyed were that the grave be leveled with the surrounding earth and that not even a wooden marker be placed at its head.

Judge Geo. P. Adams, of the probate court, officiated yesterday at the marriage of J. L. Lebow and Mrs. Elmira Smith, both of King City. The ceremony was performed at the Merchants hotel. The groom gave his age as seventy, while the bride used the usual woman's privilege and did not reveal her age. They have both been residents of that vicinity for many years, and are well known and highly respected people. The elderly groom's son is married to the bride's daughter and the wedding somewhat confuses the relationship. Besides being father to his own son, he is the son's father-in-law, and is also step-father to his daughter-in-law. And the bride is not only mother to her daughter, but is her mother-in-law, and the step-mother of her son-in-law.—Ravenwood Gazette.



## The Race For Governor.

By ALBERT S. LEHR.

So many inquiries have come to me, by letter and otherwise, from Southeast Missouri Democrats concerning the gubernatorial situation, that I am asking the kindness of the editor of the DEMOCRAT to allow me to make a statement through the columns of his paper.

First, without regard to my personal preferences as to candidates, I shall try to present a fair and impartial survey of the political field as it appears to me at the present time, and to note the trend of events as the campaign of the several candidates proceeds and as the battle, judged from a state-wide view-point, seems to be developing.

Of the seven candidates in the field, three are conceded to possess formidable strength,—strong personal following, influential supporters and each with a state-wide campaign organization, which is being conducted with intelligence and vigor. These three are Atkinson, Gardner and Roach. Of the other four, two at least, are difficult to place; they are at present uncertain factors, unknown quantities. The reader will probably ask who these two are, and I am perfectly aware that answers will differ. I refer to Attorney General Barker and Lieut. Gov. Painter.

A few months ago General Barker appeared to have considerable strength; but there seems now to be a general impression that he has lost in recent months, and his opponents think, or pretend to think, that he is not seriously in the running. But Barker is a resourceful campaigner, and no one knows what a whirlwind campaign will accomplish on a home-stretch. However, the chances seem big against him, hence, I put him in the unknown quantity list.

Likewise, Gov. Painter. The Governor's strength now seems to be purely local, but he has some influential friends who will support him if he can prove that he has a chance to win. He has not shown them yet. Can he show them? The chances are against him at this time.

This leaves Houchin and Lindsay. They are excellent gentlemen, each is making a vigorous campaign and will poll a considerable vote. But they cannot win; the wind and the tide are against them,—the nomination

will be won by one of the first three mentioned.

The candidacy of Mr. Gardner has had a great deal of publicity, due to his proposed Land Bank Measure, and for awhile his strength seemed to be formidable. That he still is strong there can be no doubt; but for several weeks there has been considerable evidence that he is losing ground, and, at present there can be no doubt that his strength is waning.

The race seems now to be clearly between Atkinson and Gardner, with Gardner, as I said before, losing ground and Atkinson gaining everywhere,—in many sections of the State he is gaining rapidly. Mr. Atkinson's increasing strength is due to a number of things, which I will try impartially to mention.

First, it is thought that Mr. Atkinson will make the strongest possible candidate that can be nominated to run on the ticket with President Wilson. It is believed that his record, both private and public, is absolutely unassailable and that he can poll the full party vote throughout the state and will draw considerably on the independent vote.

Second, Atkinson is absolutely trusted by every legitimate interest, faction, class and section of the state. He has the confidence of the farmer, manufacturer, and shipper, and is thoroughly trusted by both capital and labor, by employer and employee.

If nominated, it is known that he will enter the campaign without a single handicap, and with every prospect of leading the party to victory. Unfortunately, considering the present criticism and the fight being waged against certain of his opponents, so much cannot be said with reference to some of the other candidates.

Another very important factor in Mr. Atkinson's favor is the fact that he is the only candidate that represents that large and growing section of the state known as Southeast Missouri. It is a fact that in almost a century of the state's existence Southeast Missouri has furnished but one governor, and that so long ago as to be almost unknown to the present generation. Southeast Missouri has long complained about this treatment, and justly so. She is now fortunate in having a man to represent her that is clean, able, popular and worthy in every way of the earnest and loyal support of his

neighbors. For the second time in almost a century she has the opportunity to furnish to the state a chief executive. Will she let the opportunity go by?

St. Louis, it is almost certain, will give a surprisingly large vote to Atkinson. Some of the strongest and most influential men of the city are supporting him and a strong organization is being effected in every ward in the city. One by one the newspapers, both city and country, are coming out strong for Atkinson, showing a strong trend of sentiment for him and forecasting his almost certain success.

From all over the state it is asked, "How is Southeast Missouri?" If she sticks to Mr. Atkinson and will join hands with the other sections of the state, Southeast Missouri will for the second time in her history be able to elevate one of her sons to the chief magistracy of the state. The decision rests largely with the Democrats of Southeast Missouri. If that section of the state votes for her home man, as would naturally be expected, John M. Atkinson will be the Democratic nominee for governor.

The gavel with which the Democratic convention was rapped to order in St. Louis recently, was made of black walnut and the wood was taken from a building which formed old Fort Detty, at Rolla. This fort was erected in 1861, and was only torn down a few months ago. The walnut was raised in Phelps county. It is easy to compute the length of time this gavel has had in which to become seasoned, as everyone knows that 1861 was 55 years ago.

Joe McIntosh lost the cap off the radiator of his Ford car. He thought some one had either stolen it or played a joke on him and he was a little out of humor about it. Monday he brought his mules to Arthur Prime to have their hoofs trimmed. Among the dirt on one of the mule's feet the lost piece was found. The mule looked around and smiled and Joe said, "Well, I'll be gosh!" Moral: Keep all animals away from Ford cars when the machines are resting.—Fairfax Forum.

Without laying claim to special prowess with a rifle, a Bates county hunter has gained some distinction as a marksman by killing a rabbit and calf at one shot. One day recently, according to the Butler Times, the hunter went out to drive some cattle from a field of growing grain and took along a rifle, hoping to see a rabbit. He got his hope and saw a rabbit. When he picked up the rabbit he saw that he also had killed a valuable calf in a patch of weeds just beyond the rabbit.

## WOULD CUT SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Berlin Newspaper Objects to Time Lost by Pupils in Celebrating Victories.

Berlin.—Vorwärts publishes the text of a regulation issued by the Hessian ministry of public instruction ordering a school holiday for the children as a reward for their services during the period when subscriptions for the fourth war loan were being collected.

The Socialist Journal does not like the idea, and writes:

"As a rule, even the announcement of a victory should not be celebrated by the suspension of school work on the following day. When a victory of importance is announced during the school hours its significance may immediately be explained to the children, who then may be dismissed for the rest of the day. That should be enough for the cultivation of patriotic sentiments in an educationally unobjectionable way. Only very great and decisive events would justify a whole holiday."